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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed August 11, 2004, please consider the following Request for Continued Examination and Preliminary Amendment. The response was due on August 5, 2004, therefore, the present response is being submitted with the required one-month extension of time request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 to extend the period of response to September 5, 2004. If any further extension of time or additional fees for the accompanying response are required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to Deposit Account 50-2548.

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Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.